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SUBJECT: JALLUD PRESS CONFERENCE DURING MEDITERRANEAN
SOCIALIST MEETING

REF: VALLETTA 0697, VALLETTA 0688, VALLETTA 0450 (NOTAL),

1. THE SECOND DAY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SOCIALIST MEETING
BEING HELD IN MALTA PRODUCED ONLY ONE ITEM OF INTEREST, A
PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY JALLUD THE MORNING OF JUNE 21,
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JUST BEFORE HE RETURNED TO LIBYA. WHETHER JALLUD, OR ANY
OTHER SENIOR LIBYAN OFFICIAL, WILL RETURN FOR THE REMAINING
SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE IS NOT KNOWN.

2. ASKED ABOUT LIBYAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MALTESE
ECONOMY, JALLUD CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER THE
EXACT FIGURES, BUT THAT MALTA HAD MADE A "BIG ECONOMIC

JUMP" THANKS TO LIBYAN ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD VISITED MALTA THREE YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE THEN. HE PRAISED THE MALTESE FOR "STARTING TO FEEL FREEDOM AND TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD," DESPITE THE FACT THAT "BRITISH AND WESTERN PROPAGANDA WERE ATTEMPTING TO FRIGHTEN THEM." (COMMENT: MOST OF THE PROGRESS JALLUD OBSERVED HAS BEEN FINANCED BY WESTERN CONTRIBUTIONS TO MALTA'S ECONOMY, SUCH AS NATO BASE RENTAL PAYMENTS, LOCAL BRITISH EXPENDITURES, AND LOANS, GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EUROPE, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES -- NOT BY LIBYA. END COMMENT).

3. JALLUD ALSO WAS ASKED WHY LIBYA WAS SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY TO EXPAND ITS ARMED FORCES. JALLUD SNAPPED BACK THAT HE COULD FIND "NO REASON FOR SUCH PROPAGANDA". "WHAT WERE THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBYA COMPARED TO OTHER BIG AND MEDIUM POWERS"? IN FACT, HE CLAIMED, LIBYAN EXPENDITURES ON ARMS WERE VERY SMALL "COMPARED WITH THEIR GROSS NATIONAL INCOME." BESIDES, HE SAID, "EVERYONE MUST HAVE THE MEANS TO DEFEND HIMSELF AND HIS LIBERTY".

4. ASKED ABOUT THE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT, JALLUD RESPONDED THAT ANY IMPROVEMENT DEPENDED ON THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS UP TO THE EGYPTIANS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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"REMOVE THE TENSION" BETWEEN THEM HE SAID.

5. COMMENT: THUS FAR, THE ONLY FOREIGN "LEADERS" WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE COME TO MALTA FOR THE SOCIALIST MEETING, BESIDES JALLUD, ARE ANDREAS PAPANDREOU OF GREECE, TIerno GALVAN OF SPAIN AND SENATOR ALDO AIELLO OF ITALY. DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF MAINTOFF'S SYCOPHANTIC PUBLICITY MINIONS, THE CONFERENCE SEEMS TO HAVE SETTLED INTO THE THIRD-RATE AFFAIR IT WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED TO BE. LAINGEN

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